

ON HOME SAFETY

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14 QUESTIONS ON HOME SAFETY

(and their answers)

- What causes most accidental home deaths in Milwaukee?
- Are most fatal falls: A. Off stairways? B. Off Ladders? C. On level surfaces?
- Does the law say every residence in Milwaukee must have a smoke detector?
- Are renters responsible for making sure smoke detectors are installed?
- The Milwaukee Fire Department phone number is: A. 9-1-1?
 B. Under Fire, Yellow Pages? C. Inside Cover, Yellow Pages?
- What's the best place to install smoke detectors in one's home?
- An ABC fire extinguisher can be used on small: A. Electrical Fires?

 B. Paper or wood fires? C. Grease or oil fires?

- Avoid child poisoning: A. Use childpoof containers? B. Tell child about dangers? C. Store poisons out of reach?
- Deadly carbon monoxide gas can come from: A. Bad stove venting? B. Faulty auto exhaust? C. Smoke from a house fire?
- Children treated at burn centers have often suffered from:
 A. Flames in housefires?
 B. Electrical shocks? C. Scalds from hot liquids?
- To avoid use of the Heimlich Maneuver: A. Take small mouthfuls? B. Use fire escapes? C. Spread sand on floors?
- Prevent children from starting house fires by: A. Keeping matches away? B. Spanking kids who do? C. Speaking to them firmly?
- That mean-faced guy who warns against poisons is: A. Mack McNasty? B. Mr. Yuk? C. Jack in the Stinkpot?
- If oil in a pan flares up in flames:
 A. Smother the fire, as with a pan cover? B. Rush the pan outdoors?
 C. Pour water on it?

(see other side for answers)

HERE ARE THE **ANSWERS** TO THE **HOME** SAFETY **QUIZ ON** THE **OTHER** SIDE

Falls are Milwaukee's number one cause of accidental death...

(In fact, there are more fall deaths in the city than deaths from any other cause, including traffic crashes)

Most fatal falls occur on level surfaces...

... not surprising, perhaps, since we spend most of our time on level surfaces!

The law says every Milwaukee residence must have a smoke detector... On every level including the basement.

... and that means smoke detectors are required in both owner-occupied and in rental residences!

Owners of single family or duplex homes or apartments must see that smoke detectors are installed and working...

... but renters are responsible for immediately notifying owners or any problems, **in writing!**

The emergency number in Milwaukee for fires is **9-1-1** and is inside the covers of both Yellow and White Pages—and listed in the Yellow Pages...

... but remember, you can make emergency calls from any pay phone by dialing the operator!

In hallways near bedrooms is a high priority place for smoke detectors in the home...

... and we'd suggest calling Neighborhood Services at **286-2268** for more information on smoke detector law and installation!

ABC fire extinguishers can be used on all types of fires, as long as they are pretty small...

... but in large or threatening fires, get out of the building quickly and call the fire department!

The most effective poison prevention is storing medicines, cleaners, etc., out of the reach of children...
... and if poisoning is suspected, it's advisable to call the Milwaukee Poison Control Center at 266-222!

Stoves, cars or trucks, and housefires are often deadly sources of carbon monoxide...
... and if carbon monoxide poisoning from any source is

... and if carbon monoxide poisoning from any source is suspected, get victim to fresh air, fast!

Scalds from hot liquids send many toddlers to hospitals...
... so it's wise to keep water heater temperatures at 120 degrees — and never leave children alone in a bathtub!

The Heimlich Maneuver can save people who choke on food that is not well-chewed, or on foreign objects in the throat... ... and that's why you may want to call the Milwaukee Safety Division at **935-7990** to arrange a program on the Heimlich Maneuver for your group!

Keep matches (and lighters) out of children's hands. Spanking's apt to be too late — and so is scolding...
... remember, too, that careless use of smoking materials by adults is a serious cause of fires in the home!

The frowning face of Mr. Yuk will identify poisonous detergents, medicines and the like...
... according to the Poison Control Center, which can tell you

how to get Mr. Yuk stickers.

Smother a fire by taking air away. Water on an oil fire spreads it. You could spill oil — and spread the fire — by trying to carry a flaming pan...

... of course, for a very small fire an ABC fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen may be helpful!

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